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RESPONSE

Sir:


In the restriction requirement of August 30, 2006, it was held that claims 1-6 and 14 are directed to a control device, and claim 13 is directed to an automatic document feeder, and that the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because Invention II (claim 13) could utilize a control device that is not necessarily Invention I (claims 1-6 and 14).

However, the automatic document feeder of claim 13 requires the control board including the control device according to claim 1. Namely, the Invention II (claim 13) utilizes the control device of Invention I (claims 1-6 and 14). Therefore, the restriction requirement is not proper.

Provisionally, claims 1-6 and 14 are elected to the restriction requirement. However, please examine claim 13, as well.

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